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WALTER FREDERICK HANDSCHIN

The one clear call for Walter Handschin came not with sunset and evening star. For him the light of life was at its full forenoon. But Walter Handschin, the true friend, the ripening scholar, the sound counselor, has answered that one clear call.

To recite what he did is beyond the scope of these few words. Still less have we the power to make plain that which he was.

As a research man and writer, he left his imprint on bulletins, articles and addresses. He was an outstanding leader of economic thought in the field of agricultural extension work. He was a frequent contributor to the farm press.

As vice-director of agricultural extension at the University of Illinois since 1914, Handschin's influence permeated widely in the upper Mississippi Valley. As professor of farm organization and management, he both performed and inspired work that was of high quality.

Born near Calumetville, Wisconsin, January 10, 1880, Handschin was a student in the State universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois. From 1908 to 1911 he was assistant professor of animal husbandry at Minnesota and for the next four years associate in the same subject at Illinois. After receiving the bachelor of science degree at the latter institution, he applied himself to agricultural economics and planned to spend the present winter in final work for the doctorate. His vigorous frame gave way, however, before repeated attacks of influenza and finally Bright's disease. On August 1, 1922, the end came suddenly.

The blow falls most heavily upon Mrs. Handschin and the three children—two sons and a daughter.

An estimate of his personal qualities can be gained from the following heartfelt tribute in the Breeder's Gazette of August 10:

"We seldom see in one man the combination of a big, kind, warm heart, an open, clear, quick, trained and logical mind, indefatigable energy, a fine physique, confident patience, genial humor, firm seriousness without fanatical zeal, and an abiding but critical faith in our muddling human race."

Such a personality is a dynamic and an abiding force that will long inspire those whose part it is to "carry on."